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Sir:

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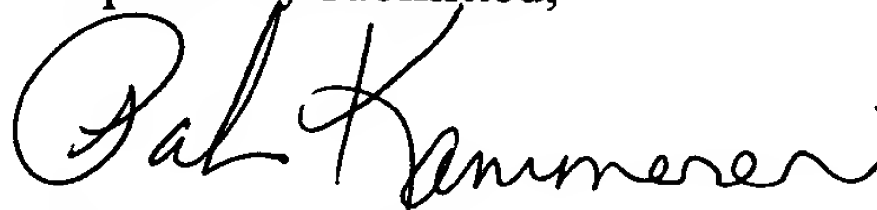
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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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Other Art (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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	C1	CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS, Vol. 127, No. 219607, Hein et al., "Biosynthesis of poly(4-hydroxybutyric acid) by recombinant strains of <i>Escherichia Coli</i> "
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